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In Re Application of )  
Rose, et al. ) For: Method of Authenticating  
Serial No. 09/468,557 ) Anonymous Users While  
Filed: December 21, 1999 ) Reducing Potential for  
 ) "Middleman" Fraud  
 ) Group Art Unit: 2787

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UNDER 37 CFR § 1.97(b)

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